

Sceme During the Last Famine in China

## These Disasters Have Been With Us Since the Earliest Times, Ten Mentioned In the Bible = 10,000,000 People Perished In the Indian Famine of 1769.

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N THE GIGANTIC struggle now | full understanding of the meaning of enguifing the entire world one food conservation. It is a well known of the weapons employed by each fact that today there is not a child combatant is to starve the other living in Poland under two years of into submission. Whilst trying in every conceivable way to cut off supplies to the enemy each is eager to obtain and conserve their own resources so many are dying from lack of nourish as to stave off for an indefinite time ment in Serbia. America is seeking the gaunt spectre.

brought its privations and many of which their parents are suffering. them have sunk deep into the hearts of the people the pangs of hunger. the failure of the crops. This may be But famine and pestilence, which caused by too little rain or too much usually go together, whilst generally rain, or by insect pests, earthquakes the inevitable accompaniments of war or untimely frosts, or by the devasta-have come from other causes and tions of farm lands through wars and some of the greatest calamities to a by the taking of farm laborers people have been caused by want and soldiers. War and famine breed pesstarvation not chargeable to arms or tilence, for dead hodies on a battleto the ambition of some military ruler field are a pregnant source of plague of these famines are harrowing and heart rending, but a brief account of Famines Of The Bible them may not at this time be amiss, when appeals are urgent among us for economy and care in the use of Bible, the one in which Joseph played the necessities of life.

## America's Work

great war and unless we in this counduring a famine just before the Christry heed to the words of those in authority in the conservation of food human beings being boiled and eaten. there may come a time when we will find among us as uninvited guests place of wheat and certain kinds of and the upper classes became

to save these little children as well Every war of any consequence has as to allay the pangs of hunger from

> Usually the first cause of famine is The havoe and destruction and when the human body is ill nour-

> > Famines Of The Bible

Ten famines are recorded in the a part being the most noted. Another is found in the book of Ruth, in the America must feed her Allies in this the book of Kings it is recorded that tian era cannibalism was practiced,

Roman Empire

The early history of the Roman pestilence and famine the sisters of Empire is filled with accounts of the war. It is estimated that we must catastrophes caused by the triumsupply our Allies with at least 559,- virate, war, pestilence and famine. 000,000 bushels of wheat during the During the fifth century there was a coming year in order to feed their failure of crops and people became men in the field and keep the health so crazed with the panes of hunger of their civilian population in condi- that hundreds committed suicide by tion for these people to manufacture throwing themselves in the Tiber. It ammunition and supplies essential to was while this famine was at its worst victory over the Germans. With our that a knight of low origin named present crop this will be impossible Maclius began importing corn and unless we avoid waste and substitute seiling it at a low rate. Naturally bodies, thousands of which remained certain articles of food to take the this won him the favor of the people unburied. This famine seems to have meat for this too must be conserved, jous of his work, believing that he England. So much has been written, however, meant to win the people and try to on this subject that it would seem make himself king and they had him twelfth centuries Egypt was visited by sons changed, the summer was cold ica has been among the first countries of a city in which the warehouses the European countries have passed that the smallest child has come to a summoned before the dictator of several great famines and in one year and there was oppressive heat during to give relief. The one of 1822 was were filled with rice and wheat. They in by-gone times.

GREAT FAMINES OF THE PAST



Millions of People in India Look Like This During the Tamines

and when found in the crowd near fell victims to starvation. There was the forum he was killed by an officer

Pestilence, war and famine were fifty years later. For a time the Romans held the citadel in the face of hunger after the city had been destroyed. The invaders failed to bury the dead and disease spread through the camps of both the slegers and the

About 23, B. C., Rome had another famine caused by the overflow of the River Tiber and Augustus Caeser became the pioneer in relief work. He is said to have sent his grandson to ollect food at various ports on the Mediterranean and then fed the poor free of charge. He attempted to guard against future disasters by building good roads and ships whereby supplies could be brought in quickly in case of famine. During the ten years period between 78, A. D., and 88. A. D., a famine swept over Italy during which thousands of persons died each day despite the facilities for bringing in food. There was also a

great earthquake during which Pompell and Herculaneum were buried Syria suffered from famine about the same time when locusts came in greaf numbers and destroyed what little crops had been saved. A disease so dreadful accompanied the famine that a noted historian writes that the vultures even refused to feed on the dead been general for it extended even to

Maclius refused to appear haif a million people in one section a revolution and many people became were able to secure a small amount were no crops raised and people died and the peasants were unable to farm remained unburied because the living the land fearing the bands of bandlts were too weak to perform this office. who held sway in the country. Cats Human flesh was found on the market and dogs were sold for food, the peo- stalls but this was too expensive for ple paying unheard of prices for meat the poor people who lived upon roots, and even human flesh was eaten. One historian tells us that people let down ropes, to which great hooks were attached, from their windows and caught up people who were walking on the streets. After drawing them up they killed and cooked them and then sold the human flesh for food. Property changed hands rapidly by

Chinese Girl in the

last Stages of Starvation

house passed to thirty different relatives in a single month. England And France

deaths and in one instance a single

England too has suffered from famlnes and during the eighth century there was a dearth of food which led the people to practice cannibalism. Again in the eleventh century about half the population died of starvation. In 1969 the lack of food was so great beneath lava and ashes. Africa and that people sold themselves into slav- and both lands were upset by revoluery in order to obtain enough food to

from famine as well. During the tenth and eleventh centuries some During one of these, when starvation was at its height, fanatics declared that the end of the world was at hand. People deserting their homes and During the tenth, eleventh and shops, went on pilgrimages. The sea-

grass and clay. The forest wolves became so hungry that they came into villages and devoured the helpless people and it seemed that France was doomed, but when the fields once more blossomed with grain the people ook courage and for a time food was abundant, then came the Crusades when an attempt was made to drive the Mohammedans out of the Holy Land, and during the first crusade famine and plague caused the death

of about 100,000 persons in one year. During the thirteenth century both England and France suffered seriously from a scarcity of food and about he middle of the fourteenth century the Black Death, a dread disease imported from China, swept over both countries and carried off thousands tions and riots. Just before the French Revolution excessive taxation, brought on in England, France was suffering French Court and the failure of the crops caused a famine in that country and riots were frequent. Madame de forty or fifty famines are recorded. Maintenon was accused of speculating in corn and her carriage was mobbed by a hungry crowd who were trying

Ireland too has had her share of

brigands and robbed the few who the winter. From 1030 to 1032 there small as compared with the suffering which occurred in 1845, 1846 and brought to Rome by the Gauls some of food. There was a reign of terror of starvation by the thousands and 1847, when the entire potato crop of the land rotted. During these years the deaths from starvation and disease superinduced by lack of proper and Great Britain were prompt in their relief work the population of the Emerald Isle began to decline eight millions in 1845 to less than five

Serving Soup to

an Children-American

Relief Work

millions today. During the Franco-Prussian War Paris suffered from lack of food owing to the great numbers of refugees who flocked to the city as the Germans advanced. Dogs, cats and even rats were sold as food and at such prices as were prohibitive to the poorer classes. When the garrison finally surrendered to the Germans, the whole city was in a starving condition. The distress, however, was relieved by foreign na-tions in a short time.

China, India And Russia

China has been a prey to famines for centuries, usually caused by inundations which ruin the crops. That country is so densely populated that hundreds can die without being missed. They are fatalists and when pestilence comes they will spend their last coin for rice and even sell their daughters into slavery for a mere pit-It is a well known fact that during the great Chinese famine of 1906-1907 over a quarter of a million of starving famines and in several of them Amer-Celestials camped beneath the walls repetition of the scenes through which

did not clamor for the food within but merely sat outside and patiently awaited death. The Red Cross has done excellent work in relieving these people and just before the outbreak of the present war they were engaged in some engineering work with the assistance of the Chinese Government. which was expected to prevent these inundations and the spoiling of the crops. It has not been completed as

Serbians, Many of Whom

Starved to Death, Fleeng from the Austrians

India has been scourged by famines from the earliest times and plague runs rampant during these periods of starvation. The number of people who die at these times is staggering for the records show that in the great famine of 1769-1770 ten million peothousands. Although both America ple perished. Failure of the crops owing to the peculiar climatic conditions of the country is the cause. Even as late as 1876-1878 more than from that time falling from over five million of India's people starved to death. Caste, the curse of that land, is one of the great difficulties in solving the famine problem and hundreds will starve before they will touch food cooked by people of another caste. Great Britain has tried n various ways to save the people from these pestilences but the race

traditions are preserved with such fidelity by the native that they would rather die than give up their fanatical deas-the inheritance of ages. Russia, whose wheat fields spread

surface has suffered from famine many times and as late as 1911 the sufferers of that land ran into the hundreds of thousands. People lived on weeds and roots and a bitter bread made of acorns. America lent her assistance in this famine. Happily today, although we are facing a crisis which seems unbelievable in the present age, we can by a patriotic perse tance, but they will not riot for food. verance in food conservation, by the elimination of waste, keep out those twin sisters of war-famine and pestilence—thereby shutting off



IZMS: Josiah Evans Cowles, Presiden General Federation of Womens Clubs

Activities Include Recreation for Our Soldier Boys, Federal Cooperation, Red Cross, Libetc.

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HAT THE American boys who are weary of the camp and the trench as they fight their counat Hot Springs, Arkansas.

tory Commission at the board meet- and for every purpose in woman's ing of the General Federation of realm. the women of the board laid the foun- eration of Women's Clubs, said redation of that sum by a contribution cently: of \$5,000. Since that time the amount and it will not be surprising if the for women? This need not imply a





Club Women Cooperate With the Dept. of Agriculture in Food Conservation

eration of Women's Clubs. Many otherty Loan, Rural Work, eration of Women's Clubs. Many other topics of timely interest will be discussed during the ten days' meeting, and a wonderful harvest of wartime effort and activity will be placed at the disposal of the 9,000 federated clubs which will be represented.

Standardized Dress

Standardized dress is another subject which will come before the Gena "Blighty" to which they may go for Springs convention. The effort to perrest and recreation, and where they suade women to adopt a form of dress may enjoy some few of the comforts which will make for economy, simof home, will be the main thought and plicity and greater efficiency along all topic of discussion among the repre-sentatives of the 2,000,000 women members of the General Federation will be stressed by those women who of Women's Clubs when they meet at have presented it and demonstrated the fourteenth biennial on April 29 its practicability and beauty for the past decade. Standardized dress does To provide such a recreational cen- not imply a uniform or anything apter for their sons and husbands and proaching a uniform, but it does imply brothers in military service was the a uniform basic pattern upon which reason for the creation of a War Vic- may be built gowns of every fabric

Women's Clubs held in Hot Springs, In referring to the subject of stand-Virginia, last winter. The fund set for this provision was \$250,000, and Cowles, President of the General Fed-

"Has the time not come for us to has grown proportionately with the definitely proclaim and take our stand days and their need of patriotism, in favor of standardization of dress specified quarter of a million runs into uniform, nor that we shall all look a sum far greater and one that is exactly alike; rather that certain rules proportionate to the splendid title of the commission set out to raise it.

exactly alike; rather that certain rules must be obeyed, certain principles known and followed, while individual This big war effort for war relief is adaptation is made. It ought to mean the conjoint endeavor of the two million women from every State in the for actual expression of ourselves. In Union represented in the General Fed
This big war effort for war relief is adaptation is made. It ought to mean the different state federation of Women's more beauty as well as more freedom tensive constructive work along or its work along



necessary to have the mutual under- ments. These are: Art, Civics, Civil standing and cooperation of those who Service, Reform, Conservation, Edudesign, make, sell and wear garments.
"There are hundreds of club women and Social Conditions, Legislation, throughout the country wearing the dress which was presented at the Biennial in New York," said Mrs. Cowles, "This dress evidenced the expression

of artistic principles in a common sense gown." Among the arguments which will be put forth in the present blennial is that which declares that standardization of styles would affect not only an artistic improvement in women's dress and a vast national economy for consumers but would gradually turn non-essential labor to essential uses, conserve material and whether in war or peace would eliminate from the garment industry many distressing elements such as lack of continuity of employment and business hazards in style.

and Social Conditions, Legislation, Literature and Library Extension,

Music and Public Health. The coming of the war to the United States made no change in the char-Cowles in a recent conversation, "is, first and foremost, to be of utmost when the tumult of war is past.

be recorded and kept as a part of the history of the General Federation, for, however difficult life may be at this time, it is inspiring to realize that we are taking an active part in its making. It is my firm belief that the General Federation of Women's Clubs is a more intensely active organization than any other in the world, and that its complete organizaion makes it one of the most efficient working war organizations of women Connections Made By Federation With

The Federation Looks

After the Comfort of the

The National Government

While the women's clubs of the as we cover it in our department, is try places has touched the high watheir normal club work in a normal tion, but goes on to matters relating way, the General Federation has made to soll, water supply, preservation of in the outlying country connection in nearly every one of its forests, irrigation and of drainage. lepartments of work with the National Government. As one instance, the realm of road-making, not only the whole federation is placing itself solidly behind the Federal Children's Bureau in its intensive child welfare as well," said Mrs. Cowles. "Reachcampaign which was inaugurated on ling the point of distribution, it beApril 6. The topic, "The Children's
Year of 1918," with its program of work outlining the saving of 100,000 of safe-guarding against new legislation that was health and the logistation of safe-guarding against new legislation that was health and the logislation of the logislati acter of these eleven departments of of the 300,000 American babies who tion that may be introduced which women of that State have been early work, but in every one the range and day's discussion at the biennial under pose intensified. All are imbued with the leadership of Mrs. Cowles, who the one end, namely, the winning of the War. "Our object." said Mrs. Cowles in a recent conversation, "is, of Women's Clubs but also intensified. The work of Will work the description of the General Federation of Will work that of the country and to assist the Government at a moment's nodirector of the Child Welfare Deservice in time of need; second, and partment of the Woman's Committee the General Federation has placed a quite as important, to keep alive in of the Council of National Defense. chairman in every camp and canton-women's clubs comes the word: "Our every community the sense of law and order, the security of the personal clements that must rebuild society when the tumult of war is past.

At this call-important meeting Miss ment throughout the country to cooperate with the authorities in their operate wi "The record of war service present- Jessita B. Peixotto, professor of So- not only carrying on its work along devote their entire meetings to Red



The Federation Stands Solidly Behand the Children's Bureau in the Children's Welfare Drive of 1918

Red Cross And Liberty Loan

The General Federation as a whole has raised very large amounts of money for various war purposes. Practically every one of the 9,000 clubs in the Federation have cooperrated loyally with the Red Cross in its wonderful mission of mercy, and the same may be said in connection with the Liberty Loan, patriotic education and home and foreign relief work. The Home Economics department of

the General Federation has lined up closely with the Department of Agriculture in its food production and conject in more than one of its departments. To quote Mrs. Cowles: "Our food conservation program necessarily embraces the problem of food production, not alone that of conservation by proper handling and elimination of waste, but its transportation, distribution, sale and use. Food production,

The Public Health Department of tice.

Cooperation Of 9,000 Clubs In The, is an example of what is being done in connection with camp work. Washington club women are working vigorously in every city and town adjacent to mobilization camps, cooperating closely with the National Committee on Training Camp Activities in keeping the towns clean and moral, looking after the environments of camps as their conditions relate to both the boys and girls of the com-

munities. The Minnesota Federation takes the lighter view of soldier life, and at a recent Federation meeting it urged the clubs of the State to supply mandolins, guitars, zithers, and especially culture in its food production and con-servation program, covering the sub-servation program, covering the sub-tion tin program, one of its depart-this branch of the Federation work an officer, on his way to France, said: "Give the boys music, the best music

and all the music you can."

Rural Club Work While the work of the federated clubs in the cities has been great, as was to be expected, that in the counmade by the thousands of small clubs throughout every section of the coun-"Its transportation carries us into try. These women's clubs in small places have purchased many Liberty Bonds and donated liberally to the Red Cross, to the Y. M. C. A. and

the Y. W. C. A.